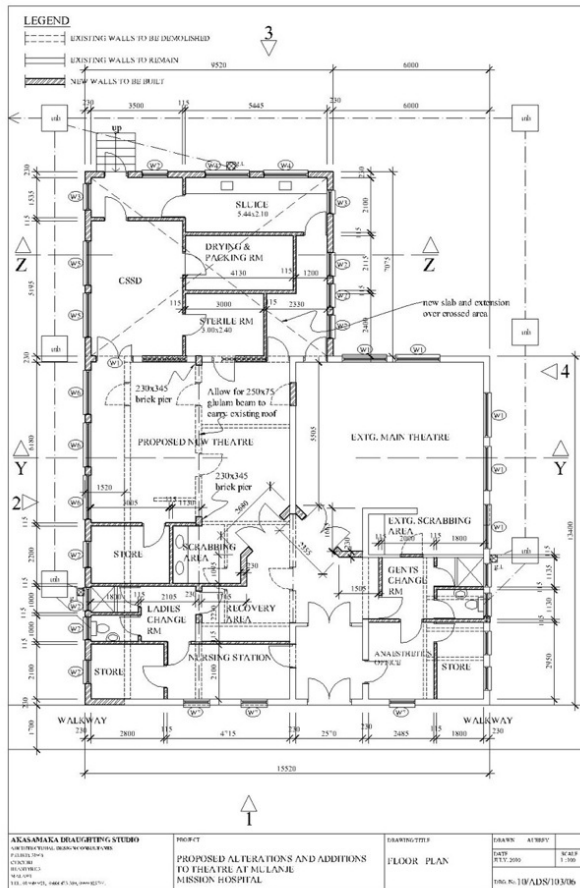


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Architect's plans for the new MMH operating theatre

Mulanje Mission Hospital

Mulanje Mission Hospital (MMH) is one of two hospitals serving a population of almost 600,000 people in the Mulanje district of southeast Malawi. It was founded in 1910 by Scottish missionaries and is now owned by the Central Church of Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), and reports to the Health Board of Blantyre Synod. The hospital has 220 beds and offers a full range of medical, surgical and paediatric services.

MMH has expanded over the last decade, with increasing outpatient attendances and admissions particularly due to HIV/AIDS. The hospital provides a range of medical services unique to the area, including a premature baby unit, neonatal care services and corrective surgery for vesico-vaginal fistulae (VVF). As a result the operating theatre is busy day and night, with caesarian sections, surgical emergencies and planned surgical procedures.

Malawi

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world, with some of the worst health indicators in sub-Saharan Africa.

Life expectancy is low, at 38 years, one child in every five dies before the age of five, and 2 in every 1000 mothers die in childbirth,



Mulanje Mission Hospital Operating Theatre

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Can you help us renovate and extend our Operating Theatre?

The staff at MMH pride themselves on providing quality care for their patients, maintaining high standards of infection prevention and control. Over the past six years, many areas of the hospital have been renovated but unfortunately, the operating theatre remains untouched. It provides only one operating area, therefore when complex surgical procedures are underway, emergency surgeries fail to be accommodated.



There is no appropriate anaesthetic recovery area, except for the open corridor outside which is commonly used. The theatre equipment, operating table, lights, anaesthetic machine and instruments are also desperately in need of updating in order to improve patient safety and infection control.

Proposal

The MMH management have worked with an architect to develop plans for the extension and renovation of the theatre, creating two new operating theatres that will provide a new areas for packing and sterilisation of theatre supplies, recovery, and office space for theatre nurses and anaesthetic staff.

The theatre will also be equipped with:

- Solar lights and power to ensure patient safety during electricity cuts.
- New equipment including an operating table, theatre lights, anaesthetic machine, autoclave for sterilization of theatre packs and patient monitors.

Benefits

The operating theatre, when renovated, will:

- Comply with standards of infection prevention and control, reducing risks to both patients and staff
- Have the ability to accommodate planned and emergency surgery
- Increase the number of patients who can be offered surgical care
- Expand the hospitals current capacity for VVF surgery for women

Budget

The high cost of this project means that a major fund-raising effort is required. Progress will be reported regularly on our website so that all contributors will have regular feedback on fundraising and project implementation.

Accountability

The project will be supervised by the hospital management team. The Medical Director will be responsible for the provision of progress reports and financial reports to donors. All hospital accounts are subject to annual audit, and audited accounts are available for inspection. The hospital management is accountable to the Synod Health Board of the CCAP Blantyre Synod.

The latest updates on the project are available online at

www.mmh.mw/category/operatingtheatre/